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Historical Commission Minutes 12-01-2003

Arlington Historic District Commissions

December 18, 2003

Whittemore-Robbins House

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: A. Alberg, S. Makowka, M. Hope Berkowitz, M. Logan, Y. Logan, T. Coleman, B. Cohen and J. Worden.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: M. Potter, M. Penzenik and L. Kuhn

GUESTS PRESENT: J Mackey, K. Lombardi, A. LeRoy, J. Salocks, S. Stafford, C. Lockery, D. Levy, Mr. J. Sparks, Mrs. J. Sparks, C. Walters, B. Cantlon, R. Goldstein, G. Hill

1. Commissioner Cohen opened the meeting at 8:10 pm. Appointment of alternates was made as follows: B. Cohen, M. Logan and S. Makowka to Mt. Gilboa/Crescent Hill. November minutes approved.

2. Old Business

- a. 14 Jason Street – unauthorized work done. S. Makowka to send a violation notice to owner.
- b. 144 Pleasant St. – Commission has received no further request to extend earlier hearing so will issue denial letter on procedural.

Applicant may re-file application. J. Worden motioned, A. Alberg seconded. All voted in favor.

c. Review of Projects

- 51 Jason Street (Barr 01-27J) 10/03 – Y. Logan – completed
- 18 Wellington Street (Morrison) 3/03 – Cohen – completed
- 137 Westminster Avenue (Marzynski) 02-06M) – Sternbergh – completed
- 75 Pleasant St. (Pleasant Street Congregational Church 03-11P) 6/04 Kuhn – completed
- 100 Pleasant Street (Neifert 03-12P) 7/04 – Penzenik – completed
- 20 Russell Street (Gertner 03-13R) 7/04 – Cohen – completed
- 19-21 Wellington Street (Kirchheimer/Barlow 03-16P) - completed

3. Communication

- a. 35 Jason Street – S. Makowka (monitor) – the Commission denied all three of the applications last November's meeting. Denial letters were sent out the first of the month.
There is a need for an Executive Session at the end of this meeting to discuss developments.
- b. Conflict of Interest – S. Makowka reminded the Commissioners that State ethics rules in most cases prohibit commission members from representing anyone on matters pending before the Commission even if he/she abstains from voting. M. Penzenik requested clarification from Town Counsel and the Mass Ethics Commission

both of whom advised her that it would be inappropriate for her to work on or represent the applicant before the Commission regarding any work subject to commission review (i.e. exterior renovation, etc.). As Special Municipal Employees, Commission members are not prohibited, in most cases, from representing individuals before other town bodies.

- c. New Homeowners – Y. Logan to give updated list
- d. New Preservation – None